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Further to my letter dated 17 December 1992 (S/24900 Add.4) and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992), I should like to share with the Council further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 17 December and 19 December, there appear to have been seven flights of fixed or rotary wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with operative paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with operative paragraph 3 of that resolution. Details as to the time and the itinerary of these flights are attached as an annex to this letter.

All confirmed violations were immediately protested by UNPROFOR to the party concerned.

I have to draw the Council's attention to the fact that recently the United Nations Military Observers (UNMOs) deployed at the two airfields in Banja Luka are experiencing restrictions of their freedom of movement between the airfields and their choice of living accommodation. Moreover, at the airfield in Cazin, the UNMOs are prevented from inspecting the cargo of incoming and outgoing flights. UNPROFOR has protested these restrictions and is in contact with the concerned authorities in order to redress the situation. I will keep the Security Council informed on any progress made in this regard.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

Annex

SRL	DATE	TIME OF OBSERVATION (UTC) Start	End	REMARKS	HEADING, SPEED, ALTITUDE
328	17 Dec	12.24	12.25	AWACS detected an aircraft flying from 11 miles North-East of the town of Dubrovnic to 13 miles West of Niksic. The speed of this aircraft indicated that it was probably a fixed wing aircraft.	East Fast Low
329	17 Dec	15.50	15.52	AWACS detected an aircraft flying from 10 miles East to 8 miles North-East of Dubrovnic. The speed of this aircraft indicated that it was probably a fixed wing aircraft.	North-West 350 KTS (400 mph) Low
330	18 Dec	13.52	13.55	AWACS tracked a low speed aircraft, probably a helicopter, 15 NM West of the town Pijevilja. It was tracked for 5 NM flying in a North-Easterly direction.	North-East 125 KTS (142 mph) Low
331	18 Dec	15.09	15.13	AWACS tracked a low speed aircraft, probably a helicopter, from 10 NM South-West of Gacko to 3 NM North-East of Bileca.	South 100 KTS (115 mph) Unknown
332	19 Dec	09.30Z	09.46Z	An UNMO observed a Gazelle helicopter flying in the vicinity of Zaluzani airfield. Fifteen minutes later, another UNMO reported a Gazelle helicopter flying near Mahovljani airfield. Our assessment is that this is one and the same aircraft.	North Slow 100 feet
333	19 Dec	13.53Z	14.02Z	AWACS detected an aircraft flying from 5 miles South of Gacko to an area 18 miles South of Sarajevo. The speed of this aircraft indicated that it was probably a helicopter.	North 200 KTS (230 mph) 10,000 feet
334	19 Dec	16.08Z	16.10Z	AWACS detected an aircraft flying 2 miles East of Gacko to 10 miles South-West of Foca. The speed of this aircraft indicated that it was probably a helicopter.	North-East Unknown Unknown